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Rice Lock-up Report - Monthly 2007

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Report Highlights:

Despite some changes in yield and planting area, Vietnam 2007 rice production was estimated as unchanged compared with last report in June.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Statistical Tables

Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for rice

Country	Vietnam								
Commodity	Rice, Milled								
	(1000 HA)			(1000 MT)			(MT/HA)		
	2005 Revised			2006 Estimate			2007 Forecast		
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New
Market Year Begin		01/2006	01/2006		01/2007	01/2007		01/2008	01/2008
Area Harvested	7314	7314	7314	7290	7290	7385	7350	7350	7350
Beginning Stocks	1292	1150	1292	1317	1317	1317	1167	1301	1269
Milled Production	22772	22772	22772	22900	23034	22702	22994	22994	22994
Rough Production	34503	34503	34503	34697	34900	34397	34839	34839	34839
Milling Rate (.9999)	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600
MY Imports	350	350	350	300	450	450	450	450	450
TY Imports	350	350	350	300	450	450	450	450	450
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	24414	24272	24414	24517	24801	24469	24611	24745	24713
MY Exports	4705	4705	4705	5000	5000	4700	4800	4800	4700
TY Exports	4705	4705	4705	5000	5000	4700	4800	4800	4700
Total Consumption	18392	18250	18392	18350	18500	18500	18750	18750	18750
Ending Stocks	1317	1317	1317	1167	1301	1269	1061	1195	1263
Total Distribution	24414	24272	24414	24517	24801	24469	24611	24745	24713
Yield (Rough)	4.71739	4.71739	4.71739	4.75953	4.78738	4.65768	4.74	4.74	4.74

Vietnam's Rough Rice Area, Yield and Production (Revised August, 2007)

Marketing Year	2005 Revised		2006 Estimate		2007 Forecast	
Harvested Area (tha)	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Lua Mua (10 th Month)	2,070	2,020	2,025	2,010		2,010
Winter-Spring	2,980	2,993	2,985	2,985		2,995
Summer-Autumn	2,380	2,301	2,375	2,350		2,345
TOTAL	7,430	7,314	7,385	7,345		7,350
Yield (mt/ha)						
Lua Mua (10 th Month)	3.73	4.14	4.13	4.15		4.16
Winter-Spring	5.75	5.62	5.46	5.46		5.63
Summer-Autumn	4.17	4.05	4.10	4.15		4.11
TOTAL	4.68	4.72	4.66	4.68		4.74
Production (tmt)						
Lua Mua (10 th Month)	7,721	8,354	8,370	8,348		8,360
Winter-Spring	17,135	16,819	16,289	16,289		16,850
Summer-Autumn	9,918	9,330	9,738	9,753		9,629
TOTAL	34,774	34,503	34,397	34,390		34,839

Source: MARD, Post's estimates

Production Update

Summer-Autumn Crop

As of August 15, 2007, the total planting area of Summer-Autumn (S-A) crop was 2,050 thousand hectares or about 87% of the projected area for the crop. Farmers have just started planting the so called late Summer-Autumn crop to reach the total of 1,350 thousand hectares as a plan for S-A crop. The coming late S-A crop is expected 20 thousand hectares less than last year since the government has given instruction to farmers not to grow continuously up to 3 rice crops per year in some area which may cause severe pest infections. As a result, post revise the total Summer-Autumn harvest area down to 2,350 thousand hectares.

Harvest of main Summer-Autumn crop has reached up to 69% of the total planted area. Yield is slightly higher than post forecast on initial estimate. The total estimate production of S-A crop, consequently, was slightly revised up from 9,738 to 9,753 thousand metric tons of paddy basis.

Lua Mua

The total planted area for Lua Mua has been recorded at 1,418 thousand hectares or about 70% of total projected area. The total area for Lua Mua planned by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is calculated down to 2,010 thousand hectares since Lua Mua is focused only in Northern provinces, where most farmers own only small size of land and therefore would like to shift rice to another better cash crop.

Generally, Vietnam 2007 rice production was estimated as unchanged compared with last report in June.

End of Report